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Internal Situation

In meeting with President Betancourt tonight (Embassy telegram 496) he told me internal security measures already being

Military leaders being convoked by President tomorrow morning for consultations, as well as are AD, COPEI and CTV leaders in other meeting.

Measures being taken protect American property,

This afternoon Embassy quietly alerted principal American companies and leaders. Embassy instituted maximum security

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measures.

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measures. Chancery (as of 8 p.m.) under National Guard protection. Consulates alerted yesterday and again today.

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(#) Omission. Correction to follow.

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